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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the claims as follows.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

- 5. The program according to claim 1, the method further comprising searching contents of the electronic document and the recognition result in accordance with a search keyword input from a user, and displaying a search result.
- 12. The document managing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a unit searching contents of the electronic document and the recognition result in accordance with a search character input from a user, and displaying a search result.
- 19. The document managing method according to claim 1, further comprising searching contents of the electronic document and the recognition result in accordance with a search keyword input from a user, and displaying a search result.